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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1074

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 17, 2011

BILL AMENDED: Feb 17, 2011

SUBJECT: School Board Elections at General Election Time.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Frizzell

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) *School Board Elections*- The bill provides that, beginning in 2012, school board members selected by election must be elected at general elections and take office the following January 1.

Petition Percentage- The bill allows a change in a school board plan to be initiated by the filing of a petition signed by at least 10% of the voters of the school corporation with the clerk of the circuit court. (Under current law, a petition initiating a change in a school board plan must be signed by at least 20% of the voters of the school corporation.)

Mishawaka Public Question- The bill provides for a public question to be placed on the ballot at the 2011 municipal election in Mishawaka asking the voters whether the method of choosing members of the governing body of the Mishawaka school corporation should be changed. The bill repeals provisions related to the election of school board members at the primary election.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *School Board Elections*- Election boards in counties with primary elected school boards would likely make minimal adjustments to their election budgets to print school board member ballots for general elections.

(Revised) *Petition Percentage*- This provision could slightly increase the number petitions filed to change a school board plan. The impact of this provision on local expenditures would be minimal.

(Revised) *Mishawaka Public Question*- Municipal elections in Mishawaka are currently conducted with optical-scan voting systems. The public question language would need to be added to the November 2011 municipal election ballot. Addition of a public question would slightly increase the cost to St. Joseph County to print ballots during that election for the citizens of Mishawaka.

Background Information- The school board of Mishawaka currently has five members serving. The most recent appointed member was appointed in January 2010 and will hold the position until December 31, 2013.

With 288 school corporations reporting, the Department of Education reports for school year 2009-2010, that 195 school boards were elected at primary and 78 elected at general elections.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards, school corporations; School City of Mishawaka.

Information Sources: Department of Education databases.

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